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SUBJECT: GOV REQUESTS SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATE TO UN HUMAN  
RIGHTS COMMITTEE

1. (U) In a Diplomatic Note dated November 11 and received in the Embassy December 2, Venezuela's Ministry of Foreign Affairs requests USG support for Venezuela's candidate to fill a seat on the UN Human Rights Committee. The note refers to the candidacy that Venezuela put forward in May 2004 for one of three vacancies reserved for Latin American and Caribbean countries, but does not contain a name. The vote is to take place in May 2005 in the Economic and Social Council, according to the Note.

2. (U) The note explains that the GOV interest in filling the seat derives from the "process of profound changes and transformations in which Venezuela's institutions are engaged." The election of the Venezuelan candidate will highlight the GOV's "firm disposition to respect, promote and protect the human rights of all Venezuelans." The note ends by noting the value of the USG's support, and by noting that such support will help solidify our bilateral relations, and reinforce the work of the Committee.  
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